

REMARKS

The specification stands objected to for grammatical and reference errors. A substitute specification is being submitted herewith (Appendix A). Applicants hereby submit the substitute specification and a redlined copy showing all changes (Appendix B). No new matter has been added. Therefore, the objection should be withdrawn.

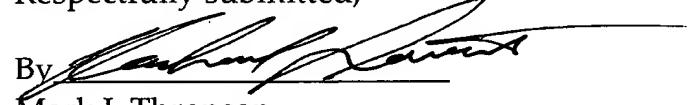
Claims 1-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bonnaure et al. (US5,862,339). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-5, as amended, recite, *inter alia*, “telephone number coincidence-checking means for determining whether or not it can be accepted to perform [a] requirement sent from [a] sending source, said telephone number coincidence-checking means includes means which do not hinder the operation of other telephone equipment including a fax telephone and using a common telephone line connected to said home server.” (Emphasis added.) Bonnaure et al. does not disclose this limitation. Bonnaure et al. discloses “the client software ... can direct the client to dial its own assumed telephone number. If the dialed telephone number is not busy (i.e. a ring signal or disconnect signal is detected), the assumed client telephone number cannot be correct. If the dialed telephone number is busy, the assumed client telephone number probably is correct; because, most telephone numbers are not busy the vast majority of the time.” Col. 6, ln. 10-18. Bonnaure et al. requires the telephone line to be unavailable to other uses. Since Bonnaure et al. does not disclose all the limitations of claims 1-5, claims 1-5 are not anticipated by Bonnaure et al. Claims 6-9 depend from claim 1 and are patentable at least for the reasons mentioned above. Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) rejection of claims 1-9 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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